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October 23, 2007 – Officers were dispatched to Zink Rd. to speak to a Community Advisor (CA) about drug paraphernalia found in a room during maintenance. The CA found a green and yellow glass pipe and a metal grinder with a green substance inside. Only one resident lived in the room. Officers also observed several empty beer bottles and boxes. Beer pong was also set up on the kitchen sink. Officers took the drug paraphernalia into evidence.

October 23, 2007 – An officer took a report from a student taking a computer engineering class in Oelman. When a fellow student approached him asking for help with

class work, the student said he was unable to help him because of the 'honor code.' The fellow student threatened to fight him, but the reporting student refused because he did not want to get into trouble for fighting on campus.

October 24, 2007 – During a routine patrol near the footbridge at College Park, an officer heard what sounded like two gunshots or explosions. The officer radioed dispatch and then proceeded on foot towards the sound of the gunshots. Closer to the bridge area, the officer observed a cloud of smoke and the smell of gunpowder. The officer also found a pumpkin burnt from the inside, but still intact.

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NEWS

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Housing open for Butler game during break

Free housing for student residents Dec. 6-9 during pivotal basketball games

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For the first time in its history, Wright State will open each of its residence halls over the winter break to student residents that live on campus in an effort to raise support for the men's basketball team as it begins its Horizon League schedule.

"We had four sellouts last year and anyone who went to those games knows how these games are some of the most fun you can have at Wright State and we want to preserve that.

"We had a major hurdle when we found out that these games were scheduled over break and we didn't want students to miss out on them so we've taken what was initially an obstacle and turned into an opportunity," said Jeff Baltes, president of the Raider Rowdies and current student promotions manager for WSU's athletic department.

Student residents who wish to return to campus for the Dec. 6 game against league newcomer Valparaiso and the Dec. 8 game against rival Butler will be allowed to do so at no additional cost, said Dan Bertso, director of Residence Services.

"Students want more activities on

campus and this is a great opportunity for them to come back over the break to see two great basketball games with their friends," said Bertso.

Raider Rowdies organized the event, and have collaborated with Residence Services, the Athletics Department, Student Government, RCA and the Recreation Activity Board to plan a range of activities on Friday and Saturday between the two games for students who choose to return to campus, said Bertso.

Additionally, The Guardian plans to print a special issue for the weekend, including the schedule of events, season previews and interviews with coaches and players from WSU's men's basketball team.

"There are things that are just waiting final confirmation before we can announce them, but there will be definitely be more activities and details

added in," said Baltes.

Among the many events that have been discussed for the weekend are a possible community service project, a movie viewing, music and several billiards or ping

pong tournaments as students will be allowed access to recreational facilities in the Student Union.

Also, participating students will be given a holiday gift bag that will include a discount card to the mall at Fairfield Commons, small gifts and incentives and tickets to both of the basketball games.

"We want to do whatever we can to get a good crowd for these games not only because they are the first two

league games of the season, but also because it is important for students to be involved in activities of this nature to enhance their college experience," said Bertso.

The two games that open Horizon League play are typically a bad time

for student attendance due to the fact that many have returned home for the winter break, said Michael Cusack, director of Athletics.

"Valparaiso and Butler represent two of the nine conference games that WSU will host at the Nutter Center and will be very important to the team's early and overall success," said Cusack.

"This is a great idea to get students back on campus and support the team as they begin the season. Last year was great for the team and everyone else at Wright State and it would be great to build on that level of excitement for this year," said Bryan Hill, a junior communication major.

If there is a high level of participation in this event, more of its type may happen as early as WSU's Dec. 15 game at home against the Miami Redhawks, said Bertso.

The 2006-07 team began its season 5-6 before winning 18 of its next 21 games on the way to a Horizon League championship and a bid to the NCAA Tournament where it lost to the University of Pittsburgh in the first round of play. They finished 23-10.

Wright State's men's basketball team opens its season against Coastal Carolina, a team the Raiders lost to in double overtime last season, on Nov. 19 at the Nutter Center.

Events Schedule

Thursday, Dec. 6:

Noon - Campus housing open
7 p.m. Valparaiso game

Friday, Dec. 7:

6 p.m. to midnight - Student Union open for mini-tournaments and activities

Saturday, Dec. 8:

7 p.m. - Butler game

Sunday, Dec. 9:

Noon - Campus housing closed

...and more events to come!

Don't forget to check facebook group "Raider Mania" or to check www.theguardianonline.com for the most up-to-date information.

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The Guardian's "Raider
Mania" issue Dec. 6!**

Matthew O. Diggs III building to open

Grand-opening features renowned biologist Tyrone B. Hayes

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The first research facility in Ohio to be registered under Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) is celebrating its grand-opening Thursday, Nov. 8 and Friday, Nov. 9.

The Matthew O. Diggs III building is the first registered "green" building in Ohio under LEED. The building's planners have placed a strong emphasis on energy conservation, finding as many ways as possible to use as little energy as possible.

On Thursday at 6 p.m., an opening ceremony will be held with special guest speaker Tyrone B. Hayes, a U.C. Berkeley professor and renowned biologist. The speech will be followed by a dedication ceremony Friday morning at 10.

Hayes' speech will focus on the impact of human development on the

environment, using frogs as an indicator species, said Mark D. Mamrack, PhD, associate professor of biological sciences.

"[Hayes'] research is consistent with many researches in Biological Sciences that take part in our Environmental Sciences PhD program," said Mamrack.

Friday morning's dedication ceremony will be attended by many distinguished guests, said Mamrack. The WSU Central Administration, members of the Board of Trustees, local dignitaries and the Diggs family will all be present, among others.

The new laboratory will hold space for some 20 faculty who are doing research in areas such as genetics, cancer, cell dynamics, molecular bioenergetics and live cell imaging, said Mamrack.

The next phase of the building's construction will last until 2010, said Mamrack. "It will concentrate on renovation of teaching and research facilities in the Biological Sciences building and Oelman Hall."

For more information, please contact the College of Science & Mathematics at 775-3180.



The new biology building is the first research facility in Ohio to be registered as a "green" building under Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design.

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Student Union suffers from tuition freeze

■ More students used Union fall quarter, but Union operating hours will be cut winter break

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The state-level decisions to increase the minimum wage and to freeze the tuition students pay to attend college, which have effectively frozen the operating budgets at universities throughout Ohio, have also combined to put a tight squeeze on funds for programming that Wright State had planned to expand in the 2007-08 school year.

In an effort to improve student life on campus, Wright State spent between \$10.8 and \$10.9 million to renovate the Student Union, which houses many aspects of student activity at the university, said Dr. Matthew V. Filipic, Senior Vice President for Business and Fiscal Affairs.

"We spent years of thought on how to meet the recreation and fitness needs of students and came up with a solution to meet these needs in the cheapest possible manner so the costs wouldn't be handed down to students," said Filipic.

However, while Wright State has improved the quality of the Student Union to accommodate the many aspects of student life, the tuition freeze hasn't allowed an increase in the operation budget to accompany the expansion of programming in its new facilities, said Katherine Morris, associate vice president of Student Affairs.

"You can only do so much with what you have. There is a certain point where you have to say, realisti-

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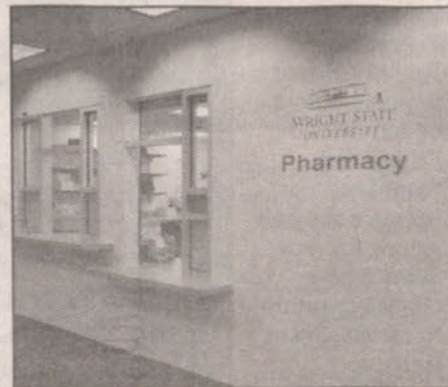
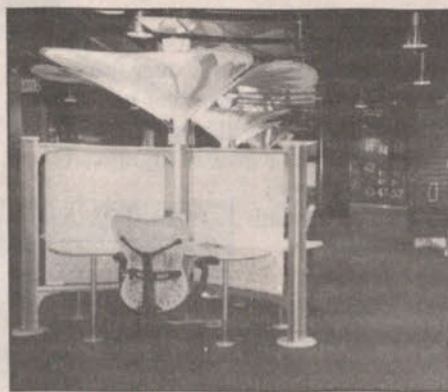


Student Union hours will be cut during the intersession and possibly during winter quarter, which means hours for new additions like the climbing wall, organization offices, health services and gym will also be cut.

cally, this is not doable anymore with this level of staffing or operating dollars and that's when you have to look at the hard decision of cutting back operations," said Morris.

The Student Union operation hours, as well as the fitness center's operation hours, have increased compared to previous years, combining for a total of 32 extra hours its staff of nearly 180 student employees must accommodate, said Eric Corbitt, director of the Student Union and Campus Recreation.

The amount of money that is needed to pay staff as a result of the increase in minimum wage as well as



the increased amount of money needed to operate and maintain the renovated facilities has put a tight squeeze on the operating budget of the Student Union, said Corbitt.

"We will cut back the hours of operation to what they were previously over the winter break this year and there is a chance that if we aren't able to find additional sources of funding then we may revert to our old hours of operation throughout the winter quarter," said Corbitt.

Beyond the possible cuts to the operation hours of the Student Union and its fitness center, other areas such as the fitness programs and the newly constructed climbing wall may be cut back as well, said Corbitt.

"I would hate to see them have to cut back from what they are currently doing at the Student Union. The facilities are awesome and offer students like me a place to study, hang out with friends or to work out basically anytime that we want to," said senior Sarah Harrison, a political science major.

According to a recent usage study performed by the Student Union, where about 110,000 people were using the fitness center and recreation spaces in years prior to the construction project, between October of 2006 and October of 2007, 191,000 people had used the facilities.

"This building is being used as we had envisioned and we expect an even higher increase of usage during the winter months when student activity typically comes indoors," said Corbitt.

Winter Break adds extra week

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WSU will be taking a seven-week winter vacation this year, but the extra week off in January means that school will be in session almost one full week later into June.

The last day of spring quarter 2008 is June 14, which means students will start summer vacation five days later than last year. The 2008-09 academic calendar works out similarly, with a seven-week winter break and almost a full extra week of June classes in the spring.

The extension of the spring quarters and the seven-week winter breaks are not intentional, however. The academic calendar is determined by the days of the week that major holidays fall on. Because New Year's Day is on a Tuesday in 2008, the quarter must begin the following week to avoid starting classes on a Wednesday.

This is due to another requirement

of the academic calendar: It must allow for all classes to have the correct number of required meetings. Starting spring quarter on a Wednesday would prevent Tuesday and Thursday classes from meeting the required 10 times.

Junior Megan Black, an early childhood education major, is pleased with the extra week of winter vacation. "I think it's exciting because you have a lot of time to relax before winter classes begin," Black said.

The academic calendar is developed in three-year increments by the university's Registrar and faculty, according to Marian Hogue, University Registrar. The current calendar was approved in 2005. The three-year increments are intended to coincide with the length of the faculty contract, which is also three years.

The seven-week winter break is also beneficial to intersession students, who will get three weeks of vacation between fall and winter quarters.

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Grad school popular option for many

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1. Have a clear sense of what you want to do, and of how graduate school can help you reach that goal.
2. While some tracks may require education beyond a baccalaureate degree, others may not; your "goal determines your necessity" for graduate school
3. Assess the area in which you have a passion; your choice of a specialty should "add to your area of interest."
4. Although different disciplines have different criteria, all graduate students should have a solid foundation in "oral, written and computational skills"

■ One-third of students complete graduate degree at WSU

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Continuing studies at Wright State's graduate school is a popular option for many students who earned their baccalaureate degrees here.

Of the approximately 3,000 master's or doctor of philosophy (P.h.D.) graduate students, roughly one-third of the students also received their undergraduate degrees from Wright State.

Approximately 18 percent of spring 2007 bachelor's degree recipients applied for post-graduate programs here, according to Jason E. Champagne, Associate Director of Graduate Recruitment. Those statistics do not include students who are pursuing doctoral degrees of medicine (MD) or psychology (PsyD).

The reasons why a WSU undergraduate may choose to stay here for graduate school are varied, said Champagne. A major factor is certainly the flexible nature of WSU's graduate program. It is fairly evenly split between full- and part-time options, an essential for graduate students who are also working professionals.

"Most programs offer tremendous flexibility, especially at the master's level," Champagne said.

The largest programs in WSU's School of Graduate Studies are those

in the business and education fields. Flexibility may be particularly important for teachers or business professionals desiring to increase their earning potential, but who are unable to take time off of work in order to attend school.

Other reasons students continue their post-graduate studies here may include a mentor relationship they have formed with a faculty member or a desire to remain in the Dayton area because of family or work obligations.

Champagne also noted that several of WSU's graduate programs are renowned for excellence, especially those in the fields of engineering and science. Due to Wright State's proximity to Wright Patterson Air Force Base, WSU's program in aerospace medicine is very highly regarded.

"We are one of two universities in the entire country that offer that program," Champagne said.

Many WSU graduates wishing to continue their studies do choose to go elsewhere for graduate school, however. Some leave because WSU may not offer a program that meets their needs.

Others go because they want to see what the graduate programs are like at other schools. To some extent, Champagne said, pursuing a post-graduate degree at an institution other than where one studied as an undergraduate is encouraged within the academic community. This is because exposure to a different faculty and curriculum is an important part of post-graduate education.

Wright State currently offers 44 master's degree programs and 5 P.h.D.'s, according to Champagne.

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SG furniture drive "huge success"

■ SG furnishes nine apartments for displaced international students

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Student Government (SG) and the UCIE helped completely furnish nine apartments, which amounts to about 2,000 dollars per apartment—approximately 18,000 dollars worth of furniture for their furniture drive that ended as a huge success on Oct. 13, according to a press release from SG.

Mohammed Kassem, SG Director of International Student Affairs, headed the furniture drive with the help of other students and all 24 members of SG. They collected over 300 hardwood pieces of furniture, and other everyday household goods. They helped to collect and transfer items such as desks, tables, blankets, towels, kitchen utensils, linens, lamps and more to The Village.

The many international students that arrived at Wright State this fall

were under the impression that they would live with roommates in Meadow Run and their apartments would come complete with furnishings.

However, they soon found out that they would be living in The Village, part of Wright State's unfurnished on-campus housing. Student Government and the University Center for International Education (UCIE) immediately responded, knowing that these students were in dire need.

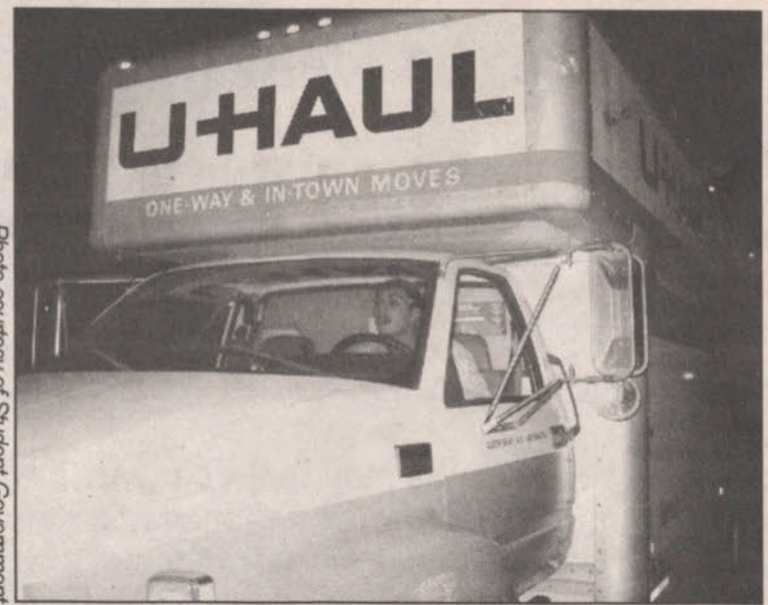
Kassem said, "The drive was a big success. The students actually have somewhere to eat and somewhere to study; now they don't have to sit on the ground to do so. They would have never been able to afford furniture because most of them are on a fixed income when they come here."

"I can't remember how many times they thanked me. They can now live normally in their apartments," added Kassem.

"The students didn't have a lot of household necessities. We contacted local and external businesses and asked for donations. Between 75 and 100 people donated to the cause, and one student even donated literally every piece of furniture in his house except a table because his mother had passed away. This is not only a 'win'

for Student Government, but a 'win' for the Wright State local community because they were really the ones that did most of the donating," said TJ Hufford, SG President.

"The UCIE and the student government absolutely worked well together. Moody (Mohammad) came to us at the beginning of the year with what to do with the international students in need and we didn't hesitate to take action. As soon as we knew about the drive, the stuff in our office didn't last two seconds. We gave away so much. There are approximately 50 new international students this year, and 607 total. So there was a need, and that need was met. It is wonderful that our students have fur-



SG helped transport furniture to the apartments for the displaced students.

niture now," said Michelle-Streeter Ferrari, the director of the University Center for International Education.

As far as students still in need of furniture, she responded: "I'm sure if there was another drive done there would be students here to pick the furniture up."

There will be a need for furniture and household goods again when the new international students come to Wright State next fall.

The "King" is up and Quaker is down

■ Burger King is coming to the Hanger for Winter Quarter

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Dining Services has made the decision to replace the Hanger's Chick-Fil-A with Burger King over winter break due in part to feedback received from students.

Dining services asked Student Government (SG) to canvas campus and get feedback on the food provided. One of the things students frequently brought up to SG members was the fact that there is no way to get a burger at the Hanger. Dining Services officials, who frequently heard about this at their monthly focus group meetings from members of SG, took it into consideration.

Burger King was chosen to replace Chick-Fil-A because it offers students chicken and some breakfast foods in addition to burgers, said Kimberly Kimsal, Dining Services' manager of Marketing.

"The decision to include Burger King in the Hanger was also made because of our corporate relationships," said Kimsal. She then

explained that the university has a relationship with the corporation Sodexho. The Sodexho Corporation, like many others, has contracts in place with many nationally branded quick serve restaurants like Quizno's, Burger King and Taco Bell.

"These restaurants usually have express versions due to space restrictions and must operate according to each company's specifications to provide a consistent product," explained Kimsal. She also explained how many universities have been able to develop good relationships with these restaurants because students can easily identify with their goods and services.

Students seem to have mixed feelings about WSU soon having the opportunity to develop a relationship with Burger King. "Well, I am interested in at least trying a burger, but that's about it," said sophomore Erin Kelly, a modern languages major.

"I am excited that they are putting Burger King in the Hanger because it will give students more choices," said junior Laura Baurer, a middle child education major.

Despite the mixed feelings of some students the decision has been made and Burger King is set to open in the Hanger on Jan. 7. For more information on this, visit the Dining Services website at www.wright.edu/admin/foodserv/.

■ Quaker supports car club, but ski club feels forgotten

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One of the nearby off-campus restaurants, Quaker Steak and Lube, is no longer willing to support ski club, said the ski club's presidents. However, presidents of the car club say it is still supporting their club.

"Quaker Steak has stopped supporting most WSU organizations. Nobody really knows why," said Dave McDermott, co-president of the ski club.

In the past, Quaker Steak has allowed the ski club to have its club meetings in the restaurant, offering discounts on food and drinks to members. McDermott says this support has abruptly stopped without explanation or good reason.

"WSU students are a large part of Quaker Steak's customer base and I'm not sure I see the advantage in dropping support for any of the clubs," said McDermott. "I hope this is a temporary thing."

Ed Gemin, also co-president of the ski club, voiced similar complaints.

"I'm not sure what happened. We had a good relationship for 3-4

years," said Gemin. "This year it seemed like they were interested but then they never got back to us."

Despite concerns from the ski club, however, management at Quaker Steak denies that they have stopped supporting any WSU organizations.

"I think it's good for clubs to have a healthy outlet for extracurricular activities," said Quaker Steak manager Tom Fortman. "This is a safe place for them to have those events."

Quaker Steak has helped WSU clubs in recent years by posting flyers, hosting club meetings and offering discounts to students, said Fortman.

The WSU car club has worked with Quaker Steak on several events that have helped promote the club and bring business to the restaurant. Meetings were held there and last summer the car club held a car wash in the restaurant's back parking lot.

Cline considers Quaker Steak an unique meeting place to attract prospective members.

"They were really supportive of us," said Allen Cline, car club president. "It was a give and take kind of thing...they got a lot of business from our car wash."

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Editorial

It's going to be a cold winter

Now that basketball is upon us many students are looking ahead to the Wright State versus Butler game. Last year the game was huge event with the Nutter Center being sold out.

But will this year be as good? We can only hope.

It's not because Wright State's team won't be able to compete with them this year or that the Raiders will blow out the Bulldogs. It will still be a good game because of the amount of school spirit that is involved.

Rather, it's because of the time and date the games were scheduled. The first game, which is home, is on Dec. 8, right in the middle of Christmas break. Granted, the university is having the Raider Mania weekend to attract students back.

But let's be honest, it just won't be the same. A lot of students won't come back for the game even with all the perks. Plus, the game is early enough in the season where it doesn't have the same importance. So that won't help attract student either.

The second game was planned a little bit better. It's the second-to-last game of the season for both teams and has can be a pivotal game in deciding who will win the regular season Horizon League Championship.

Here's the problem: it's on a Thursday and is at Butler. Nobody except the most loyal Wright State fans will be at the game.

Students have class, fans have to go to work the next day and few will want to stay up late to drive home from the game only to get up early the next day. The only plus is that it'll be on ESPN 2.

The question with all this is where was the Horizon League's head when they were making the schedules? These are the top two teams in the league from last year, and had the biggest crowds in the league last years.

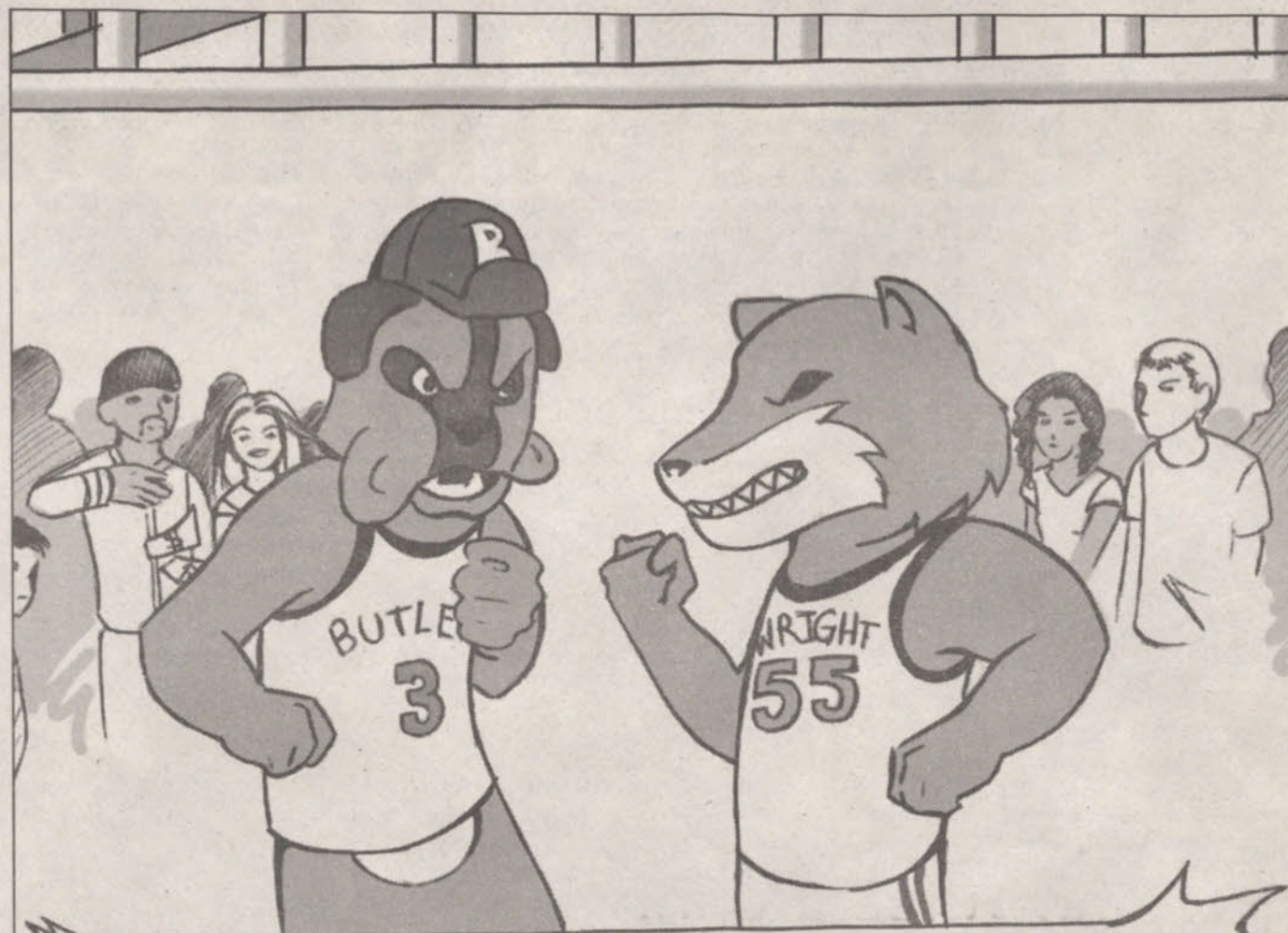
We'll give them the benefit of the doubt that prime time television had something to do with the Thursday night game.

But the first game, which is at home, why then?

They know when Christmas break is and how important timing is with games. So why didn't they act like it?

Hopefully this scheduling fiasco won't change the outcome of games. However we believe in our Raiders and believe they will be successful no matter what.

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Letters to the Editor

Where have all the "cookie boxes" gone?

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I'll admit that I'm pretty satisfied with the renovations Wright State has done lately.

The Student Union looks great, the tunnels are looking a little brighter, and some of the bathrooms have gotten rid of that "I'll-hold-my-breath-'till-I'm-done" smell. Unfortunately, that's not all the bathrooms have gotten rid of.

After finishing off my third Twix bar of the afternoon, I wandered down the hall to take care of a monthly feminine hygiene issue that has plagued me since my early years as a teenager.

As I sat on the toilet, reading my issue of The Guardian, I realized that I had nowhere to dispose of my applica-

tor.

Where had my cookie box gone?

Not wanting to flush my pearl-girl companion and risk costing WSU hundreds of dollars of my tuition money to unclog a toilet, I found that my only option was to wrap my used toiletries in far too much toilet paper and throw them away in the garbage can intended for hand towels.

I emerged from my stall with a wad of toilet paper in my hand, and I felt a slight twinge of embarrassment when another girl, fixing her hair in the mirrors, gave me a disgusted look.

"The box-thingy is gone," I explained.

She didn't seem to understand what I meant, so I just threw the garbage away and washed my hands.

As I went to throw away my hand

towel, I noticed that the toilet paper had unwrapped, exposing my applicator in all its unsanitary glory.

I strategically placed my hand towel over the mess and left the restroom, praying that no small animals playing in garbage dumps would think my applicator was a squirt gun.

The purpose of my description is not to gross out readers of The Guardian, nor is it to satisfy my own need to complain.

I simply think WSU needs to know of the embarrassment and unsanitary conditions to which it exposes its female population by not splurging for a cookie box in every stall.

Although unsightly, and slightly gross when left open and overflowing, those little boxes do serve a purpose.

WSU students take on charity projects

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The fall term at Wright State University brought a unique challenge to the Leadership and Effective Teams class in the College of Business.

These groups were given the arduous task of completing a service project that would leave a lasting impression on the community.

Management Professor Jesse Maleszewski has set high standards for the project which has inspired students to develop creative projects, aggressively fundraise, and to collaborate with their peers.

This process has generated a variety of project goals and outcomes. One ambitious group chose to donate an automobile to an under-privileged family, and committed to the lofty fundraising goal this gift would

require.

Members of this group included Blake Arbogast, Kim Bosma, JB Brunner, Joe Coloma, Amanda Drake, Robert Manifold, Jarod Newport, and Amanda Wolf.

After preliminary logistical research, the group discovered there was a charitable organization with the same car-contributing mission.

New Path, a group sprouting from Ginghamburg Church in Tipp City, Ohio, has committed to aiding needy local families through an array of donations. They discovered that, over the years, New Path beneficiaries have received groceries, financial assistance for living expenses, furniture, and even automobiles.

The WSU Leadership students contacted New Path, and soon realized they had found a perfect match. Now for the hard part — each member the

Wright State group needed to solicit donations.

The students researched local businesses, prepared promotional documents, and organized meetings with local corporate representatives. This process was a great success, resulting in many gift-offerings from the community.

Lead by Dave Arbogast Buick, Pontiac, GMC Truck Dealership (Troy, OH), who generously contributed \$650 toward the vehicle for a family, support was also shown by many other organizations including: Sabina Church of Christ (Sabina, OH), Auto Services Company (Sabina, OH), A.O. Smith Electrical Products Company, Subway of Miami Valley, and the Walker Automotive Group (Miamisburg, OH).

The grand total of donations received by the WSU students

amounted to \$1350, more than doubling the target donation.

With the money generated, the Leadership team has been able to afford not one, but two automobiles for different families, with money left over for New Path's Food Pantry.

In the next few weeks, the official paperwork will be processed and automobiles will be delivered to the needy families.

One can only imagine how the newfound means of transportation will benefit and inspire the recipients.

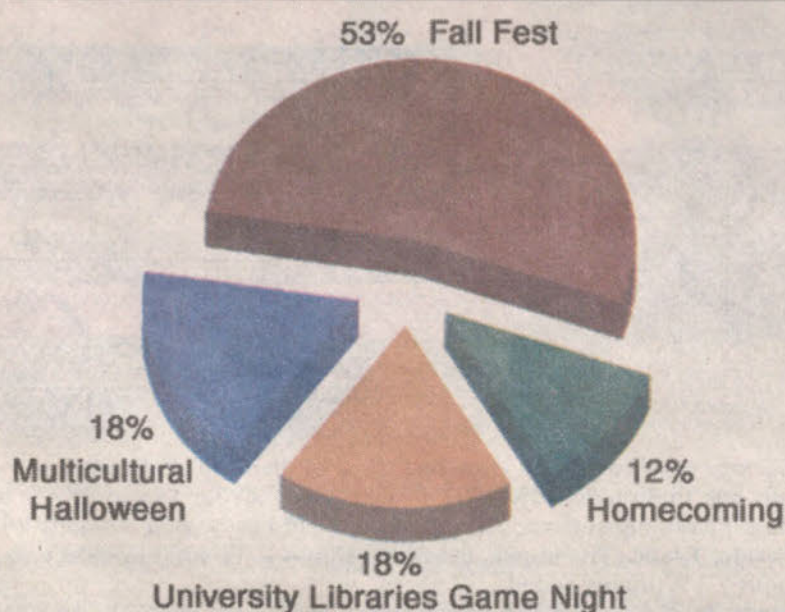
Ultimately, the WSU students' efforts to leave a lasting impression on the community may be an understatement.

For general information or details of how to make a donation to the New Path organization, please visit: <http://ginghamsburg.org/seenewpath/>

PIE POLL

The votes are in!
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Athletes want football

■ Two WSU fall athletes welcome the idea of adding football into the fall sports line-up

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I am Brian Cothem from the WSU mens soccer team, and I was just responding to the Guardian about the football team.

I think a football team would be great to have. When we traveled to Michigan State for tournament, we had the joy of attending the Michigan State vs. UAB football game. It was awesome.

The school spirit that flowed through the crowd was awesome, similar to last years WSU vs. Butler horizon league final basketball game.

A football team would bring us this excitement too. I think soccer could do it too, but with only 400 people at each game its not happening.

Football is so highly recognized too that it people would start understanding who wright state is and recognize the name in more places than just ohio.

When we went to california nobody knew who Wright State was. Also, people might see that we are D-1 and not just some D-3 nobody school.

By the way, we didn't appreciate Clint Davis bashing our team 2-3 weeks ago. We are trying our best, and we don't want to hear about how bad we suck by our own newspaper.

I almost did not write you because of how pissed I still am about it.

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I do not mind whether or not we have a football team from a soccer standpoint. Soccer will always create

small revenue compared to any football program but I do think football would help this school tremendously.

Lot 20 is a parking lot that is filled to capacity during each week. As soon as the weekend comes the car lot seems almost deserted. This being said football I think would help create that "college atmosphere" that this school lacks.

Even here we see more OSU apparel then WSU apparel. A football team might bring some pride to a school that most people feel was just their last choice, or their "back-up" school.

I am from out of state and I live in the dorms at the woods. I absolutely hate being here on the weekends because there is no where to go, nothing to do, and no one to hang out with.

Football will make people want to stick around for the weekend and give them something to look forward to.

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13 Danielle Duncan

Career Stats
 GP-GS: 84-28 PPG: 3.2
 Rebounds: 3.0 FG Pct.: .449



25 Erica Richardson

Career Stats
 GP-GS: 28-2 PPG: 4.1
 Rebounds: 2.6 FG Pct.: .398



10 Kanisha Ward

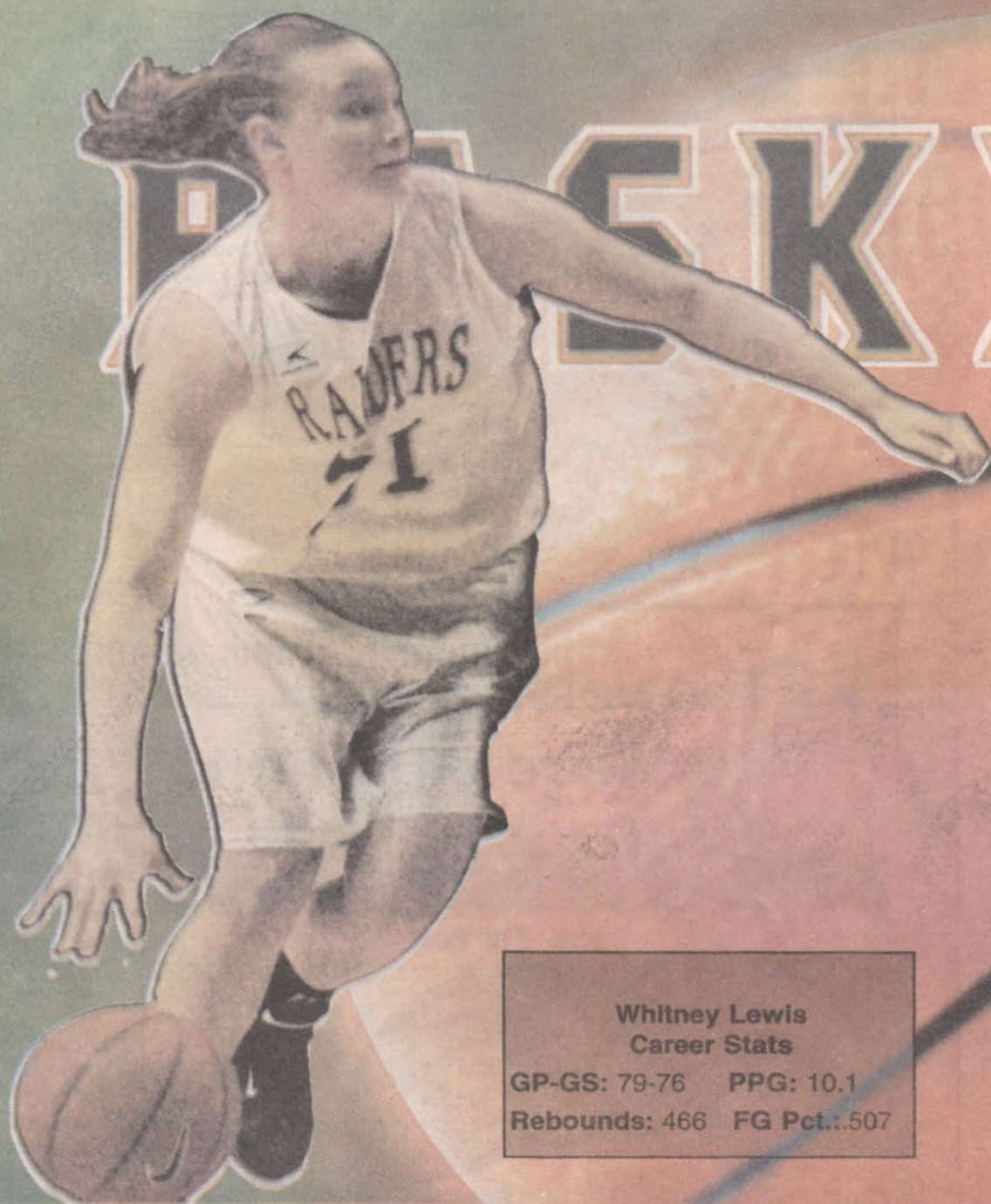
Career Stats
 GP-GS: 27-8 PPG: 4.0
 Rebounds: 2.7 FG Pct.: .300



34 Sierra Crayton

Career Stats
 GP-GS: 73-25 PPG: 4.2
 Rebounds: 3.1 FG Pct.: .428

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Whitney Lewis
Career Stats
 GP-GS: 79-76 PPG: 10.1
 Rebounds: 466 FG Pct.: .507

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Although the WSU women's basketball team lost three of their top performers at the end of last season, the team heads into their unfriendly 2007 schedule with a young roster trying to adapt. "[Our current seniors] have big shoes to fill out there," said head coach Bridgett Williams on the loss of Brittney Whiteside, Tyanda Hammock and Steph Comisar. "I don't think it's so tough to where they can't fill it though," Williams added.

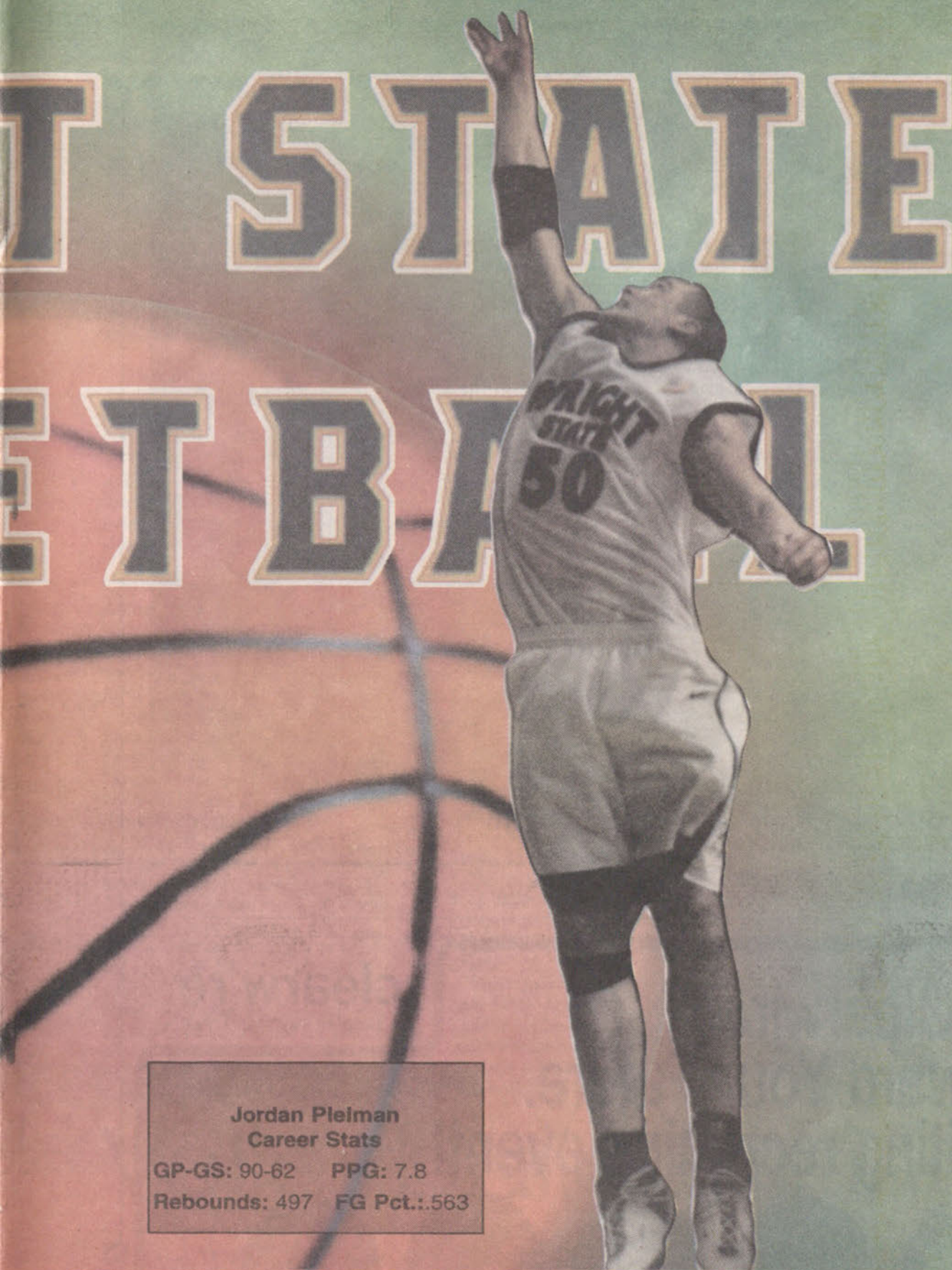
The Raiders' returners include senior Whitney Lewis who was named to the Horizon League's Preseason Second Team. Lewis was named newcomer of the year in 2004-05 by the League and looks to build on her 11.4 points per game average from last season.

Regarding the team's rookie class, Williams commented that they are coming along as expected. "They're acting like freshmen," she laughed. "They get so much information, it gets so confusing that they can't be the players that they are."

The team will need everybody to do their part on the court this year though as they play only 12 of their 29-game schedule at home, including only two of their first 10.

"Our girls [will] use that when we're on the road in the conference," said Williams. The team finished 8-8 in the HL last season and looks to rise above expectations this year, picked to finish seventh in preseason polling.

The team kicks off their 2007 campaign in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts taking on Boston College, Friday Nov 9.



**Jordan Pleiman
Career Stats**

GP-GS: 90-62 PPG: 7.8
Rebounds: 497 FG Pct.: .563

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It's hard to determine whether or not the Wright State Men's Basketball team should feel snubbed or elated after claiming the second spot in the Horizon League Pre-Season poll.

Last year, the Green and Gold beat out the top-ranked Butler Bulldogs to win the Horizon League tournament and they also claimed the regular season championship, sharing it with the Bulldogs.

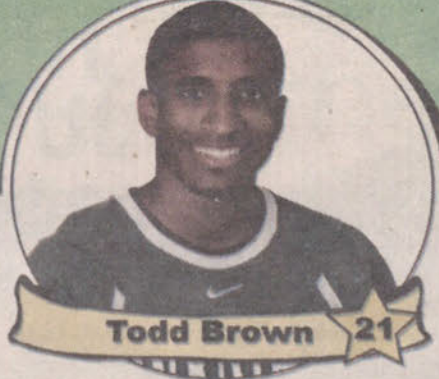
The Raider's are bringing back five letter winners from the previous season, including senior forward Jordan Pleiman, sophomore guard Todd Brown and sophomore guard Vaughn Duggins.

But the veterans won't have to carry the team this year, as second year Head Coach Brad Brownell and his recruiting staff have picked up five newcomers to the team, including freshman N'Gai Evans who averaged 17.2 points per game, 3.1 rebounds and 2.2 assists at North Canton Hoover High School.

Freshman Troy Tabler is also ready for his Horizon League debut this year. Hailing from Cincinnati, Tabler averaged 14.1 points per game and shot 46.7 percent from the field his senior year at Moeller High School. Tabler also picked up a Second Team All-State while at Moeller.

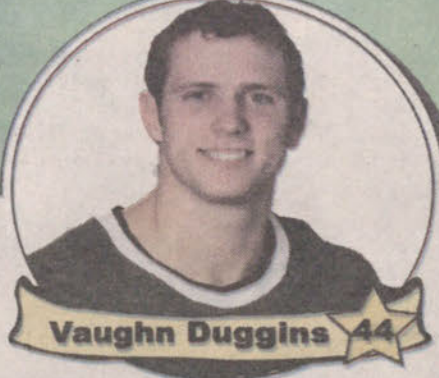
There are also some new faces on the coaching staff as well, with four new assistants and administrative staff.

The Raiders will start off their preseason play this week, playing at Indianapolis on Monday and hosting the first home game of the season on November 19 at 7 p.m. against Coastal Carolina.



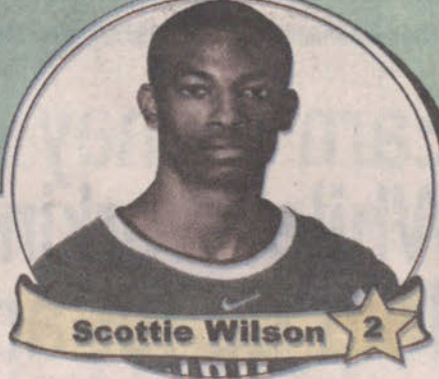
Todd Brown 21

Career Stats
GP-GS: 33-19 PPG: 8.6
Rebounds: 2.9 FG Pct.:



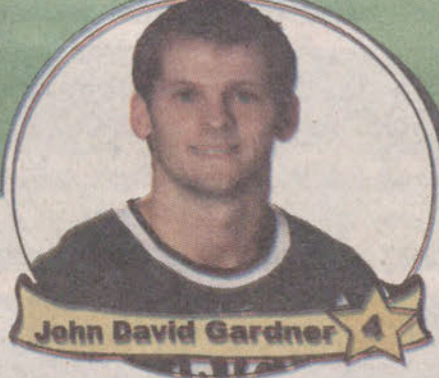
Vaughn Duggins 44

Career Stats
GP-GS: 33-32 PPG: 9.0
Rebounds: 3.3 FG Pct.:



Scottie Wilson 2

Career Stats
GP-GS: 55-6 PPG: 4.4
Rebounds: 3.2 FG Pct.: .470



John David Gardner 4

Career Stats (High School)
Assists: 4.4 PPG: 19.1
Rebounds: 5.3 3pt Pct.: .400

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Soccer team advances in tourney

■ Women win opening game of Horizon League Tournament

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The WSU women's soccer team continues to impress playing a nearly perfect game Friday to open up the 2007 Horizon League Tournament.

The Raiders' season has been full of proud moments and amazing performances, and at award time, it was evident that people have been paying attention to the Green & Gold.

Leading off the team's all-league honorees were freshman standout Amber Kasmer, who netted Newcomer of the Year and first-team honors, and junior Jess Rooma who was selected to the first-team for her third straight season.

Another freshman, Jen Agueci, joined Kasmer on the All-Newcomer squad and seniors Cassie Jones and Megan Mattioda were selected second team All-League and academic All-Region, respectively.

"Honestly, when the coach tells me I've got the accolades, that's when I know I got them," said Rooma. "I don't go online and check or anything, I just play soccer because I love it."

While the team was full of individual standouts, the 2007 Wright State women's soccer squad performed like a well-oiled machine all season going on to win 12 games, tied for most in school history and five league games, the most in school history.

The Raiders placed as the third seed

in the Horizon League Tournament and were set to host Detroit, the only team they tied all season, in the quarterfinals match Friday night.

WSU got scoring underway early when Rooma knocked in an 18-yard shot at 17:00 assisting on the play were both Agueci and Kasmer. The team didn't let much time go by before repeating when, five minutes later, junior Amy Miller, who was robbed of League honors, sent in her ninth marker of the year off an assist from Kasmer and Mattioda.

The Raiders would score once more before halftime when Agueci netted her own goal at 28:00, unassisted.

The second half was more of the same with the team grabbing another trio of goals before the end of the match by way of a pair of lightning-quick header from Rooma and freshman Jenna Cooper with the final goal being scored by fellow rookie Trisha Stevens.

The 6-0 victory marked the first time WSU had scored six goals since 2004 when they beat Cleveland State by the same margin.

Coming into this match, the Raiders seemed to have a slight disadvantage: they would be without head coach Pat Ferguson due to him being issued a red card in their previous match.

"He prepared us all week...the only thing different was he wasn't on the sidelines with us," said Rooma, "but we had a lot of people play really well today."

The team now prepares for a semi-final match against the Loyola Ramblers who defeated the team in a controversial 3-0 decision last week. The two will face off in Chicago on Friday Nov 9.



Jenna Ziegler/The Guardian

Freshman Lori Anderson fights for the ball during Saturday's game against Detroit. The Raiders will now play Loyola on Friday in the second round of the tournament.

Volleyball continues to win

■ Team defeats two league opponents as season's end is in sight

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Focus seems to be a pretty commonly used word around the volleyball team. That's because, with a third-place ranking in the Horizon League and a Horizon League record of 9-5, it's probably pretty hard for the team not to start thinking ahead.

With the season's end approaching, the team is hoping to continue their hot-streak in the tournament. But head coach Trina Smith is trying not to think about what's going to happen next week. She is content to have her

team focus on one game at a time.

"We're going to focus on the same things: playing disciplined volleyball. We aren't going to put any more pressure on ourselves to play our best. We strive every day to play our best," Smith said.

Last week, the Raider's took a slight hit as they fell to the number-17 Flyers in four games.

"UD is a great team. The atmosphere at home was great and we didn't play bad," Smith said.

The past was quickly forgotten though, as the Green and Gold hosted two conference rivals this past weekend.

On Friday, after losing the first game in the match to Loyola, the Raiders came back and conquered their league foes.

"I told them to relax and calm down, to continue to do the things we're good at doing," Smith said. "We didn't play bad."

Alisha Kimbro and Libero Lexi Leonard both had career high matches for Wright State, as Kimbro picked up 27 kills and 13 digs, while Leonard collected 30 digs herself.

Setter Lindsay Frank posted 62 assists and 11 digs for the Raiders while Samantha Conner also chipped in with nine kills, 23 digs and six block assists.

Wright State swept UIC on Saturday in three games, boosting their previously good statistics to even better.

"We settled down and played our type of volleyball. We focused on our side of the net," Smith said.

Conner posted a double-double with 12 kills and 12 digs while Tara Geegan also had a great game with 12 kills, six blocks and hit .556%.

The Raiders are now looking forward to a big weekend at home against league front-runner Milwaukee on Friday night at 7 p.m. and against league foe Green Bay on Saturday at 4

p.m.

"We're excited for this weekend at home. We aren't nervous. It comes down to us, our side of the net. We just need to be prepared," Smith said.

It's Senior Night on Friday, and although Smith says she is happy to have these four seniors and their contributions, it isn't a distraction for her team, who are focused and looking forward to the weekend.

Wright State is now 13-15 overall and 9-5 in the Horizon League. They are currently ranked third in the Horizon League standings.

Next game

When: 7 p.m. Nov. 9

Where: McLin Gym

Opponent: Milwaukee

Basketball Predictions

How sports editor Ryan Hehr sees this season

Men

1. **Butler-** It's hard not to pick them to end up on top. Yes, they may have first year coach Brad Stevens at the helm but they're returning 11 players from last year including A.J. Graves and Mike Green. Plus they have a lot of experience in big games after making it to the Sweet 16 last season.

2. **Wright State-** They may have won the Horizon League last season, but there are a lot of new faces. Head coach Brad Brownell is calling this season 1B because it's like coaching a whole new team. Plus they lost DaShaun Wood and Drew Bursleson. Those two combined for 42 of the Raider's 60 point in the league championship game.

3. **Green Bay-** Their record may not show it, but this team will be tough. They're playing three Big ten teams before the first of the year and that can only make the team better. Returning players include second leading scorer Mike Schachtner and role player Troy Cotton.

4. **Loyola-** Here's a team that I think gets overlooked a lot. When there's a big game on the line, they're in it until the end. This is the team who lost in overtime with Butler to decide who was going to make the Horizon League Championship game. They may have lost their top two scorers, but then again, so did WSU and look where they're ranked.

5. **Valparaiso-** I'll be honest, I don't know much about the team, but they look good on paper. There was an eight game losing streak early last season but they were by good teams including Ohio State, Marquette and Butler. Plus they're bringing back their top four scorers, all of which had double digit averages.

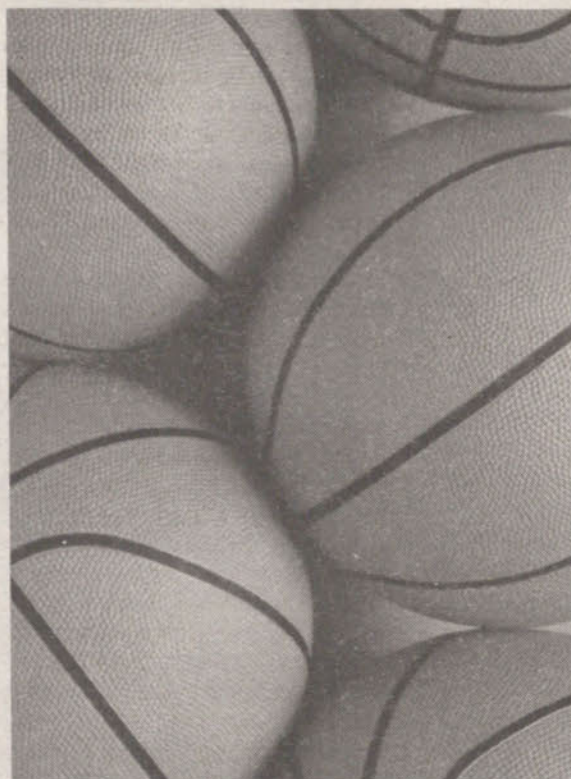
6. **Milwaukee-** They had a rough go of it last year finishing the season 9-22 and seventh in the Horizon League. Watch out though because they may be better than you think. They are bringing back their top two scorers one of which is Paige Paisley. The 6-foot-7 senior averaged 11.4 points a game last year and 5.7 rebounds.

7. **Detroit-** They had a rough season last year. Of their 18 losses, seven were by seven points or less. So there was the chance of there being a winning record. They return leading scorer Brandon Cotton and rebounded Chris Hayes, so they may be able to pull off an upset or two this season.

8. **Cleveland State-** This team was last in the league this year, and are near there again this season. Their defense has to improve in 12 of their 21 losses; they gave up 70 or more points. The only bright spot I see is leading scorer J'Nathan Bullock coming back.

9. **UIC-** They lost two of their top three scorers and struggled with them last year. At one point they lost seven straight league games. However, they did make some good adjustments and won four of their last five games. Junior Josh Mayo is returning, so the ball will be in his hands a lot this season.

10. **Youngstown State-** This is a team that did alright last season. They were tied for fourth in the league, a 14-17 record overall, and had two scorers averaging over 15 points a game. The only problem is that those two are gone and only three other players averaged seven points or more a game; everyone else was three or less.

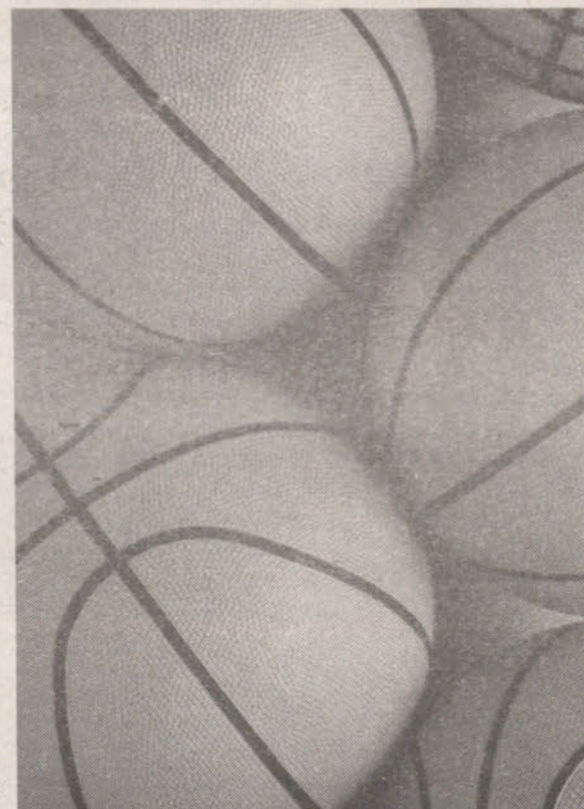


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Believe it or not it's basketball time again and everybody wants to know how each team will do.

Over the past four years have been to more basketball games than I can even count. I've seen the ups and downs of both teams and watched both practice whenever the opportunity arises.

Here's my prediction as to how I think both the men's and women's teams will far out during the regular season.



Women

1. **Milwaukee-** They were 10-6 in the league last year and tied for fourth, but they'll be number one this season. They are bringing back six of their top five scorers from last season including Traci Edwards who average 20.5. She was also the leading rebounder with 9.4 a game. They have experience and talent, which can be the most useful things to have in this game.

2. **Butler-** They're returning nine players from last year, and eight of them were lettermen. They won nine of their last 12 games to end the season and lost to Green Bay in the Championship game last season.

3. **Green Bay-** What happened to this team? They are the defending league champions, they didn't lose to a league opponent all of last year and I have them in third? Well there have been a lot of changes. They lost their top three scorers and their coach who led them to five NCAA appearances in six seasons. New coach Matt Bollant has a .779 win percentage but that's at the NAIA. Any other questions?

4. **Valparaiso-** Like the men, I don't know much about them, but I'm giving them a chance. Last year they were 20-11 overall and won 11 of their last 14 games. They're bringing back eight players, but only one is a senior. If they play well together this season, they may become a team to recon with next season too.

5. **UIC-** This team will definitely drop from last year's second place finish. They have lost their top three players, but are returning their second leading rebounder with Nikki Grobbeck, who pulled down 158 boards as a sophomore. Fortunately for the Flames Head Coach Lisa Ryckbosch can really get the best out of her players.

6. **Wright State-** They were average in the league at 8-8 last year, and that's how they will be this season. Whitney Lewis was a leader on the team as a junior so she should be even better this season. Also look for good things from fellow senior Danielle Duncan and Sierra Clayton. Also look for good things from Erica Richardson, Heather Parrish and Kanisha Ward, all of whom lettered as freshman last year.

7. **Youngstown-** They are returning their top seven scorers, have no freshman on the team and have 12 lettermen players. The problem is they can't play defense, which led to their 7-21 record last season. In 16 of the 21 losses, they allowed 60 or more points to be scored. That's a weak point when they only did it nine times all of last year. But they were young last year and I would guess they learned a lot.

8. **Detroit-** They were last in the league last year, allowed an averaged 72.2 ppg, and won just one Horizon League game last season (Cleveland State). However, they won't end up at the bottom of the barrel this season. They're returning their top two scorers from last season and have ten lettermen returning. They may be at the bottom of the standings, but they won't be last.

9. **Cleveland State-** They're bringing back four of their top five scorers. This is a group that either wins by a basket (last season), or are simply blown out of the water. If they have a fire under them, they tend to do well. Unfortunately, there rarely seems to be a fire under them at any time.

10. **Loyola-** Last season they had three women average more than 11 ppg and pull down over 100 rebounds. Still, they were only able to win five league games and are now without their top two scorers. This looks to be a year of learning for a team that has eight freshmen and sophomores on the team.

Student organizations are an underused resource

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What is there to do on campus? This is the big question that a surprising number of Wright State students are asking. However, Wright State has more than a few ways for someone to get involved.

With over 200 student organizations listed in the Office of Student Affairs, this campus offers clubs of all sorts from sports to Greek life to major-oriented organizations, such as Biology or Psychology club.

For someone who is looking into joining an organization, the list of possibilities can be found just off of the WSU homepage under the "For Students" tab. Each club listed has a mandatory member number that they must meet to be able to start the club, which at the current time is four plus an advisor.

"There are a ton of organizations to accommodate interests," said Cassi Elble, a second year grad student in the Student Affairs program.

As far as numbers of students actually involved, it is impossible to tell because of groups with no required

membership and come-and-go membership.

"We can always improve. I know that at the beginning of this year, I was approached by a student asking me about how to start a Juggling Club. I thought to myself, 'what are they going to think of next?' Well, she started her group, has a few members and every time I see them practicing I see the power of a student organization at work," said T.J. Hufford, the Student Government president.

"Putting all the organizations together in the Atrium has helped a lot

(with increasing involvement)," said Angela Zippin, a senior political science and women's studies major. Since the Student Union was renovated over the past few years, many of the student

organizations' offices have been placed together in the corner of the Atrium, including the UAB office, the Rainbow Alliance office and the Black Student Union office.

Junior women's studies major Emily Yantis suggested that having "continuous introduction activities like

Fall Fest" is one way interest could pick up at WSU. "The big thing this year is more collaboration (between organizations)," Yantis added advice to stay positive when trying to recruit potential members.

"The number (of people in organizations) can be increased by engaging more students to become involved. As more students, and even more so, more diverse student populations, become involved, more ideas for new organizations will pop up all over the place," said Hufford.

Reasons for limited numbers could be that "people don't know what's out there or where to find it," said Emily Pohlman, a junior education major.

"The number can be increased by appealing directly to students. You have to show the students why it would be beneficial to them to join a particular organization," said Cimmeron Taylor, sophomore public relations major.

"I think that one of our biggest obstacles to student organization participation is student apathy. I don't think that 'Joe Student' wants to get involved. They want to come to class and leave. Students need to realize that there is more to education than what you can learn in the classroom. There are many different connections that can be made through social and educational organizations and the net-

working that can occur due to these meetings can prove to be invaluable in the future," said Hufford.

"I personally believe that perhaps the only really acceptable way of doing so would be to advertise. After all, every student on campus should be able to find out some basic information with regards to every club on campus that interests them. But, beyond that, I don't think any of the student organizations should really push the clubs any further. Yes, let them know about it, but no, don't try to force it upon them," Ken Hopkins, a junior mathematics major.

Being involved with activities has helped sophomore nursing major Nikki Hemmelgarn: "I was involved in a lot of stuff in high school. It makes me comfortable and makes (campus) feel more like home."

Taylor agrees. "It helps you to meet new people and to broaden your horizons," she said.

"I think it's essential (to be involved). College is about finding yourself and your role in society. (Being involved) helps you to find what kind of leader you are. It's so much more enriching than high school because of the opportunity to manage and lead an organization, to be apart of something that's making a difference," said UAB president Mike George.

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-Mike George, UAB President

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Remember back when the quarter first started, and after leaving the last class of the day, it was still light outside? Winter is approaching fast and daylight is getting more limited with each passing day. So as the journey to a car, residence hall or apartment becomes increasingly darker as the quarter continues, take the proper precautions to make sure that safety is always the number one priority.

"There are 3 parts to a crime," said David Finnie, the assistant chief of police of the Wright State campus, "the victim, the assaulter and the opportunity. Take away one of the sides, especially the opportunity (to stop the crime from occurring)."

There are several things that a student can do to protect themselves, most of which are common sense variables: don't walk alone, initiate a buddy-system, tell people you're

intended whereabouts, etc.

The most common items of theft are personal possessions such as textbooks, laptops, I-Pods, CDs etc. To protect your belongings do not leave them unattended in an open area. The most important way to protect your things is to be educated about such possibilities of a crime occurring.

The police department on campus is getting more involved with the students and staff to create a general knowledge on how to decrease opportunities from occurring. They are creating new crime prevention programs with university departments, teams, UVC classes and student organizations.

"We want to try to educate the community on why police do what they do," said Finnie. Through such programs, the hope is to build community.

Wright State is committed to safety with intensive training for both the police force and the residence hall staff to keep crime at a minimum. In the event that someone, student or staff, feels unsafe walking across a dark parking lot or all the way across campus to a residence hall, the university provides a 24-hour safety-escort service. All over campus, there are emergency telephones- marked with a

blue light- which connect directly with the Communications Center.

WSU upholds a "Timely Warning Procedure" in which the university will post bulletins to alert everyone of what's going on via email in case of a threat. This year, a new program called COPP has begun. It designates officers to residence halls and other areas of concern and holds regular meetings with residence staff.

"Crime is unpredictable, there's no rhyme or reason to it," said Finnie. "We're trying to help the community help themselves (through education)."

If someone is either the victim or

witness of a crime, in the event of an emergency dial 9-1-1 immediately. If the event is more based on theft, contact the WSU police dispatch at 750-2112. "The response will be (as quickly as possible), depending on the amount of officers and their location," said Finnie.

Wright State University "is very safe in general," said Finnie. "Crime occurs, and it's very important for the community to not set up opportunity. Be aware of your surroundings and take the steps to avoid a crime, use common sense and don't break the law."

Crime Statistics for WSU

	2004	2005	2006
Murder	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Robbery	2	3	1
Aggravated Assault	3	7	8
Motor Vehicle Theft	14	6	10
Arson	1	0	0
Burglary	5	9	9
Forcible Sex Offenses	11	7	11
Liquor Law Arrests	139	74	36
Liquor Law Judicial Affairs	228	234	141
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Drug Law Judicial Affairs	25	10	30

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UAB has big plans for the rest of the year

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A lot has been going on in the world of Student Activities this quarter, thanks to the University Activities Board (UAB). With the very fitting slogan of: "Bored on campus? We're not," the UAB has been working non-stop with and for the students to make campus life more enjoyable for everyone.

Headed up by the executive board and helped by the general members, also known as the Street Team, the organization plans and throws events

to bring students out of residence halls and encourages the formations of long lasting friendships for all. The UAB has sponsored 21 events for students during the fall quarter, and there are still more to come.

"The UAB is changing strategies this year," said George. "Students would rather come to bigger events," and the upcoming winter and spring quarters are up for that challenge.

"Wright State is a unique campus and it has been a challenge to find out what will get students excited. We've opened up the UAB and (are trying) to get students to buy in and take a bite

out of student life," said George.

"We're not going to have 21 events again in winter quarter," said George. "It will make things easier to promote and means less ADD for us," George laughed. The plan, as of right now, is to have eight events for students to look forward to, including Metro Nights and a winter comedy show.

Following Metro Nights and winter quarter is May Daze in spring quarter, which happens on the first weekend in May. "We're redefining May Daze this year," said George. "There's going to be a spring concert too." Details are yet to be finalized on both the spring

concerts and the winter comedy show.

"The whole goal of the UAB's membership is to buy into campus life experience," said George. "I hear a lot of complaining about the campus climate and I encourage (those complaining) to step up. One person's complaint is another opportunity."

Students can get more involved with the UAB by joining the Street Team, which holds meetings every Wednesday at 4 p.m. in 010 SU.

"There's always a way to get involved," said George. "You make friends, gain experience and have fun."

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UAB does the time warp, again, with Rocky Horror

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The UAB (University Activities Board) recently held a showing of the cult classic film *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* as a part of the group's movie series that has been held throughout the year. The movie series is a free event that UAB puts on at Wright State, this time offering free popcorn and a costume contest.

"The idea of a movie series and the shaping of the events were a collaborative brainstorming effort from everyone on UAB," states Leonda Metsker, who is the series chair for the organization.

"Our organization's goal is to provide fun and entertaining activities for the Wright State University student body, with the movie series being a

way to bring some of our ideas to life," Metsker continues.

The decision to show *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* was one that was largely related to the film's cult status and its connection with Halloween. A good turnout on hand with many participants dressing up for the costume party, made for a fun evening overall. "Someone suggested it was a popular movie this time of year and that we could have a lot of fun with it," says Metsker.

The movie itself has found iconic status through the last 30 years since it first hit the screens in 1975. Although lacking in a definitive plot, the movie seems to draw viewers in with its cast of characters and the overall musical tone the film employs.

"It's a fun movie I try to catch at least once a year," stated WSU student

Hannah Wegmann. "It's another excuse to hang out with friends and dress like a goof for the night," she continued while acknowledging some of the costumes. "It's especially fun around Halloween time."

One of the big influences in showing this particular movie is the recognition it has with college students today. Most costume parties, or Halloween-related events, are rarely attended without seeing an individual displaying a costume related to the *Rocky Horror* film.

With the movie series and this event in general garnering such good turnouts thus far, UAB plans to continue holding events and hopes to make *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* an annual showing. "We may do it again next year and add some more frills to it," states Metsker, who also

plans to do more collaborative events with other Wright State organizations once winter quarter starts back up.

"We have Homecoming, Fall Fest, Multicultural Halloween, Kuumba, Metro Nights and May Daze coming up, along with a few other events that we will either sponsor or help out with," says Metsker. Look for UAB's events that will continue during the remainder of school, along with the film series which will continue sometime in January.

For information on UAB and how to join, contact Leonda Metsker at sa_uab@wright.edu.

Other information regarding the event and/or the movie series can be directed to Mike George at george.43@wright.edu.

Greek Affairs aims to help St. Jude Children's Hospital with awareness week, volunteer work

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The week of Nov. 5-9 is St. Jude Awareness Week at Wright State, which is being sponsored by the Greek Affairs council. The purpose of the week is to inform students about St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and encourage them to get involved with the upcoming charity event, which will be held on Feb. 1, 2008.

St. Jude is the world's largest research center for childhood cancers. Named after the Catholic saint of 'lost causes' and 'cases despaired of,' St. Jude is the heavenly being to turn to after all hope is lost according to Catholic belief, and will come to the rescue; oftentimes at the last moment.

Wright State is getting involved to

help out with this cause. On Feb. 1, an event called "Up Till Dawn" will take place in the Student Union Atrium from 4 p.m. to 12 a.m. It's a letter writing campaign where participants will combine lists of family and friends and write letters asking for donations to help St. Jude. "We want to have teams of six, with one captain. The captain will be the main contact person (for the Greek Affairs Council)."

The event will contain food, music and prizes from area businesses. For example, for every team that writes 50 letters, they will be entered in a raffle to win an iPod donated by Apple. "This is a great program," said Reno. "(We're having a) growing year and every campus has a big philanthropy that they participate in. I think that this could grow into a campus-wide

project. (Eventually,) Wright State could be associated with it."

To help prepare for "Up Till Dawn," the Greek Affairs Council is encouraging all who can to get involved during St. Jude Awareness Week. "(Right now,) we're trying to get donations for prizes, and raise awareness of the hospital and how to get involved," said Reno.

The big event for the week was held on Tuesday: the Great Pumpkin Decorating Contest. From 12-4 students could come out, decorate a pumpkin and learn about St. Jude.

"We want to encourage people to help this cause and to do it for the kids," said Reno. "It's a great cause and could someday help my children. A child shouldn't have to go through that. St. Jude is trying to cure and let them be kids."

This hospital is one-of-a-kind.

"They will share research with other hospitals for free and will even pick up all costs for those who cannot afford the healthcare," said Reno. The hospital operates mostly on donations, but does accept health insurance to cover some medical expenses. The daily operating costs of St. Jude is over one million dollars.

"They treat kids from all over the world," said Reno. "And because of St. Jude, the survival rate of childhood cancers has raised drastically." The rate of survival for acute lymphoblastic leukemia in 1962 was four percent. Today, it has increased to 94 percent because of research.

For anyone wishing to participate or to make a donation, contact Heather Reno at reno.6@wright.edu.

Student Soapbox:

How are you going to spend your Winter Break?



"I'm a bridesmaid and I'm going to Pittsburgh for Thanksgiving."

-Sylvia Kwakwah, Criminal Justice



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3	9	1	6	4	8	2	7	5
7	6	5	2	1	9	8	3	4
1	4	8	2	7	5	6	3	9
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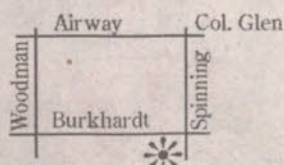
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